

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the City of Indianapolis supports a healthy and safe environment for children and is dedicated to protecting the health of all children; and

WHEREAS, lead contaminated paint, dust, and soil are commonly found in and around homes constructed before 1978 and are the primary source of lead exposure in children; and

WHEREAS, lead poisoning, which is an increased level of lead in the blood, is especially dangerous for children – particularly those under the age of 7 – and causes serious health effects; and

WHEREAS, it is important that pre-1978 housing units and childcare facilities in Central Indiana are tested and identified for lead hazards and made lead-safe; and

WHEREAS, the City of Indianapolis encourages all residents, especially parents and child caregivers, to be aware of the dangers of lead poisoning and seek appropriate screening for their children as a preventative measure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREGORY A. BALLARD, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 23 – 29, 2011 AS:

LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK

In the City of Indianapolis, and I ask all citizens to join me in this observation.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED TO BE AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS ON THIS 17TH DAY OF OCTOBER IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN.

BY GREGORY A. BALLARD

MAYOR

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS